

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 5/5/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cori Marsalek, Project Manager (805) 781-4995	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and approving the Cypress Mountain Drive Bridge Replacement Project and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 1.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the attached resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and approving the Cypress Mountain Drive Bridge Replacement Project; and 2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities, including but not limited to: right-of-way processes; environmental regulatory permits; and preparation of final plans and specifications. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) HBP, Road Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$321,142.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 1			

Reference: 15MAY05-C-8

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Cori Marsalek, Project Manager

Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Division Manager

VIA: Dave Flynn, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 5/5/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The proposed project will replace a structurally deficient bridge and provide standard roadway and bridge widths on Cypress Mountain Drive over Klau Creek. The project is located in the Adelaida subarea of the North County planning area. The proposed bridge replacement structure would be a concrete slab bridge with a clear deck width of 24 feet in order to accommodate 10-foot travel lanes and 2-foot shoulders. Concrete barriers with tubular hand railing and guard rail end treatments will be installed. Implementation of the proposed project would result in approximately 0.75 acre of temporary impacts and 0.25 acre of permanent impacts. Construction will take place between May 1 and November 1 and is anticipated to last one construction season.

Work will occur within existing County right of way and on two privately owned parcels. A temporary crossing through the creek on the east side of the existing bridge will be required to allow access for residents until construction of the new bridge is completed to prevent complete closure of the road. Occasional temporary road closures will be required during working hours to facilitate construction.

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the Department of Public Works are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any environmental impacts. The Initial Study for this project was prepared by staff of the Department of Public Works' Environmental Division, with review and approval by the Environmental Coordinator in the Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of mitigation and impact avoidance measures.

The Initial Study identified impacts and mitigation measures in the following issue areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hazardous Materials and Water/Hydrology. Mitigation measures include: pre-construction surveys and worker education to avoid impacts to sensitive species; revegetation for biological resources; and best management practices for water pollution, hazardous materials, dust control, fire prevention, and erosion control.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to commencement of the Initial Study, other affected local, State and federal agencies are notified of a proposed project. The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has reviewed the project description and provided one mitigation measure that has been included in the Initial Study. This issue is further addressed in the attached Initial Study.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to State agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day review period ended March 2, 2015; during this time, additional mitigation measures were received from APCD that would further reduce impacts to Air Quality. Per the County Environmental Health Department, a discussion summarizing the lead and asbestos analyses performed on the existing bridge was added to the document. Additionally, extensive comments, based on project design, were received from one member of the public. Comments included recommendations to replace the existing bridge with a single-lane bridge and the opinion that Cypress Mountain Drive should be classified as a local road rather than a collector road. These comments and staff responses are attached to the Mitigated Negative Declaration. To summarize the reply, the commenter did not consider correct information of the site, had a differing interpretation of standards which were unfounded, and developed independent analysis which is unsupported by detailed County studies.

The project is partially funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) who is providing oversight and completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the project. Prior to the commencement of work within the stream bed and banks, a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Section 404 Authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Section 401 Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board must be secured.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no costs associated with adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The project is a multi-year project budgeted in the Road Fund for FY 2014-15 WBS 300432 in the amount of \$321,142. The project will be funded from the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement Program (HBP) and the Road Fund.

RESULTS

Approval of the project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the CEQA review phase and allow the project to move into the environmental permitting, right-of-way, and final design phases. Completion of the project will replace the structurally deficient bridge on Cypress Mountain Drive, thereby contributing to a safe and prosperous community.

c: Katie Drexhage, Environmental Resource Specialist

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Plan Sheets
3. Public Comment Letter
4. Staff Response Memo
5. Resolution Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Cypress Mountain Drive Bridge Replacement Project